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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOJ DEMARCHE ON NEW MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS BILL
(H.R. 6550)

1. AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENERAL NAKAJIMA CALLED IN DCM OCTOBER 14 TO EXPRESS GOJ VIEWS RE MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS LEGISLATION. HE SAID GOJ WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND WOULD BE PROFOUNDLY EMBARRASSED IF PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNS IT INTO LAW. NAKAJIMA NOTED THAT GOJ WAS NOT BOUND LEGALLY OR MORALLY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EX GRATIA SETTLEMENT FUNDS, AND SAID IT WOULD BE "POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE" TO GET ANY ADDITIONAL WAR CLAIM PAYMENTS THROUGH DIET. IN TERMS OF PREVAILING SENTIMENT THERE ISSUE IS CLOSED AND EARLIER \$5,000,000 PAYMENT WAS FINAL. NAKAJIMA ASKED USG TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE, INCLUDING VETO IF NECESSARY, TO AVOID UNCOMFORTABLE AND EMBARRASSING SITUATION LEGISLATION WOULD CAUSE FOR GOJ. DCM STATED HE WOULD CONVEY GOJ VIEWS, BUT OFFERED INFORMAL OBSERVATION THAT VETO WAS MOST UNLIKELY.

2. COMMENT: FONOFF RECOGNIZED THAT, WITH TOGO REPRESENTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT, USG FULLY UNDERSTOOD GOJ POSITION. HOWEVER, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU HAS EMPHASIZED TO US THAT TODAY'S DEMARCHE WAS NOT PRO FORMA PROTEST FOR RECORD, BUT RATHER WAS INTENDED TO UNDERSCORE EXTREME SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GOJ VIEWS THIS MATTER. MANSFIELD

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